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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON WHITE HOUSE FELLOWSHIPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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April 25, 1983

Dear Mr. Casey:

On May 24, 1983, a new group of 14-19 White House Fellows will be selected by the President's Commission. The new class will then report to Washington for the week of June 27-July 1 for job placement interviews and will begin their Fellowship year September 1.

The White House Fellowships program was founded in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson to bring a select number of well qualified, highly motivated young leaders to Washington for one year and to give them the opportunity to work in the federal government at a high level and to gain firsthand knowledge of the governmental process.

Fellows are typically assigned as special assistants to the Vice President, to the heads of agencies and Cabinet departments and to senior members of the White House staff. Since 1964 almost 300 Fellows have come through this program. President Reagan is the fifth President to oversee the program and he is very supportive of it. I have also met with the officials who have Fellows this year and they have all spoken in extremely positive terms of the work the Fellows have done for them.

It is my hope that you would be interested in interviewing some of the new Fellows in June.

As I mentioned, the Fellowship year begins the first of September. The Fellows are paid by the departments they work for, at levels not to exceed GS 15, step 3. In addition, it is expected that they will be permitted to participate in field trips, not to exceed 15 working days during the year or \$3,000 in expenses (which the employing agency are asked to cover).

If you would be interested in having a White House Fellow this Fall, please advise me of the name of your staff assistant who would conduct the initial interviews. I will then give that individual a set of files on the new Fellows after the new class has been announced on May 24 and your representative can review them and decide which ones it would be productive to interview. Also, it would be helpful to us if you could provide me with an organizational chart of your department.

As I indicated, I think a White House Fellow could be a real asset to you and I hope you will decide to participate in the interviewing process.

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If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 395-4522. I am enclosing a copy of our brochure for your information.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

James C. Roberts

Director

Enclosures

The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

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